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FM AMEMBASSY KINGSTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 1976

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FOR ARA/CAR, ARA/MGT, FBO, OC, SY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ABLD, ACOM, ASEC

SUBJECT: POWER FAILURE EMBASSY KINGSTON

1. AT APPROX. 1030 HOURS LOCAL AUGUST 9, FIRE BROKE OUT IN
"POT HEAD" AT MAIN TRANSFORMER STATION SERVING CHANCERY ONLY.

2. FIRE APPARENTLY CAUSED BY SHORT CIRCUIT WITHIN OR ADJACENT
TO MAIN DISTRIBUTION POINT OFF THREE TRANSFORMERS ON POLE AT
REAR OF PROPERTY. FIRE WAS ON BUILDING SIDE TRANSFORMER
STATION.

3. LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENT PUT OUT FIRE AND JAMAICA PUBLIC
SERVICE (JPS) DISCONNECTED ELECTRICAL POWER.

4. JPS ADVISED REPAIRS MUST BE EFFECTED BY BUILDING OWNERS.
BUILDING OWNERS HAVE BEEN ADVISED AND THEY ARE SENDING
ELECTRICAL CONTRACTOR TO REPAIR.

5. ONLY DAMAGE TO USG PROPERTY WAS SPATTERING OF HOT TAR ON
AID POOLED VEHICLE PARKED BELOW. EXTENT THIS DAMAGE
NOT YET KNOWN.

6. OUR ESTIMATE IS THAT WE WILL BE WITHOUT POWER REMAINGER
OF TODAY (AUG 9), PROBABLY TOMORROW, AND POSSIBLY DAY
AFTER.

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7. ONLY POWER AVAILABLE IS IN CCC BY EMERGENCY GENERATOR.
WE ARE WITHOUT LIGHTS, A/C, TELEPHONES, OR POWER FOR
OFFICE MACHINES.

8. WHILE COMMUNICATIONS CENTER STILL FULLY OPERATIVE,
OUR ABILITY RESPOND (E.G. TYPEWRITERS NOT FUNCTIONING)
MINIMAL. IN CIRCUMSTANCES WE ARE SENDING HOME MOST NON-
ESSENTIAL FSL STAFF.
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